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## Another "Yes, Virginia," Story

Just before the late lamented Christmas the Winter Haven Herald dug from an unidentified source a revised version of the famous "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" story which we intended to print before but it got mislaid. Although a bit late for a Christmas editorial we are going to present it anyway, and it is as follows:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He lives in Washington, D. C., and if it were not for him, you and your mummy and daddy and your little playmates would be eating grass, if you could find any.

Santa Claus lives and breathes just as you, and he spreads happiness and cheer across the broad expanses of our nation in the form of benefit checks, relief payments old age remembrances and flat subsidies. He has a machine that makes money and when he runs out of dough he simply presses a button and nice crisp new money comes rolling off the presses.

He is the nicest Santa Claus in all the world because he is still solvent and has a heart bigger than his entire body. How long he can keep it up no one knows, but while he is paying, he is our big, lovable, generous Santa Claus.

He has a long white beard, too, like the Santa Claus of legend. Some folks call him Uncle Sam. He is keeping the wolf away from millions of doors, even though his budget is hopelessly away-beyond and over balanced.

Yes, Virginia, the old boy is still alive and kicking. He's been on quite a spree these last six weeks. It seems he's the kind of a fellow who can take it. And don't let any of your Republican friends tell you he may play out before Christmas. They just gave him another blood pressure test and found he still can borrow another three billion before he reaches the ceiling his guardian has put on him.

Winthrop, what's holding you, Santa. Get that note signed and turn loose that other three billion. It looks like a long, cold winter.—The Arcadian.

## CONSERVATION

Under the control of experts trained in the habits and management of wild life, Florida can remain a magnet for outdoorsmen for an indefinite time. But if streams are permitted to become polluted, areas drained and wanton game hogs allowed to roam unmolested, the favorable condition that exists now will not remain unchanged.

Sportsmen from all sections of the nation travel to Florida constantly throughout the year to enjoy the multitude of pleasures the state affords. They spend thousands upon thousands of dollars for

licenses, equipment, guides and living quarters. And will continue to do so, provided the state conservation work is under non-political control and directed by men technically trained for the work. There are many universities and colleges turning out experts annually.

Florida would do well to take heed of the helpless situation in many northern states that waited too long to take cognizance of the fact that birds, animals and fish cannot exist in modern civilization without help from man.—Palm Beach Post.

## COMPULSORY CAR INSURANCE

"Some day," predicts the Titusville Star-Advocate, "the responsible car drivers are going to rise up and demand a fair share of responsibility by means of indemnity insurance. Every driver of a car who takes pride in its appearance has had the experience of having the driver of a dilapidated jalopy side swipe him or crumple a fender and adjust the damage by saving he is cozy he has no money and can't pay for the repair. The matter is made even worse through the fact that many drivers of cars of this type, feeling they have nothing to lose, drive with unpardonable carelessness, and with complete disregard of consequences to their fellow motorists."

There ought, indeed, to be a law, And some day the responsible automobile drivers may rise up and get it. However, they will find they have a job cut out for them because there are arguments on the other side which are just as potent, if not as good as those expressed by the Star-Advocate.

The matter comes up at nearly every session of the legislature, but it never gets further than short consideration in some committee. In the absence of organized pressure from responsible car owners, legislators take a look at what they will run into and quickly forget it.

What they will run into is exactly what "responsible drivers" have frequently and distressingly run into—dilapidated jalopies whose owners are so very rich they haven't the money to pay for the damage they cause. That's also the reason they haven't got insurance. Automobile insurance is expensive and to make it compulsory would add a cost that a good many drivers can't pay. However, they can vote and members of the legislature are always willing to let that sleeping dog lie.

Usually the proposition also gets put behind the eight-ball by being laid in the doo-doo-step of the insurance companies. They are not the responsible car drivers, are pictured as the ones who want it. Of course they do, but they want something that is good for their customers, too, like fire insurance and life insurance.

Auto dealers are another source of opposition. They see the red-lined car market materially limited by compulsory insurance. This point also interests the oil companies which are a powerful factor in the legislature.

What it does is line up a lot of politics against responsible car drivers. Undeniably, they are entitled to some protection. But when they rise up to get it they will have the strongly organized if they expect to get anywhere.—Fort Myers News Press.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay.

Political pyrotechnics, in the nature of the preview of the fun to follow, have been brilliantly in St. Petersburg the past week-end as democratic old and young, assembled for the meeting of the State Democratic Committee.

It was a gay and festive party and harmony prevailed despite the storm clouds that loomed over the meeting, led many to believe a tight night develop.

Throughout the day Thursday delegates and politicians from every nook and corner of the state drifted in to take up every available room at the Saxonian headquarters hotel, and overflow to other throughout the city. Groups gathered in private rooms for conference and pow-wow while the lobby was constantly filled with a milling crowd of back-slapping, hand-shaking candidates, delegates and observers.

Governor Ford entertained with feasts of strength and greeted all with a booming voice to put at rest all rumors to the effect that his physical condition might handicap him in his campaign for a seat in the U. S. Senate. It is expected that his official announcement will be made this week.

Equally busy contacting folks during the convention were Ex-Governor Doyle Carlton, Ex-Governor Dave Sholtz and general Jerry Carter, all of whom are expected to lose their names into the senatorial campaign to make the race as difficult to figure out as in the governor's melee at the moment.

Holding their own with the prospective contenders were Senator Charles O. Andrews and Democratic Committeewoman Hortense Wells who have already announced. If either of them were particularly alarmed over the vastness of such formidable competition they failed to show it.

In the gubernatorial "revolving

line" were West Palm Beach's B. F. Patsy, Deland's Francis Whitehair, Panama City's Clarence St. Augustine's Fraser, Ocala's Hans Walker, Barrow's Spensard Holland, Avon Park's Fred Tuck, Jacksonville's Fuller Warren, and a number of others.

Spoken of as probable entrants who have not yet worked themselves into that feverish mental condition that causes the victims to break out with an "announcement."

Newspapermen and photographers were amazingly popular, and the efforts of the political hopefuls to angle themselves within camera range was amusing. Henry Wrenn of the Associated Press, Paul Davis of the St. Petersburg Independent, Stannore Cawthon of the St. Petersburg Times, and other scribbles attempted to cover their meeting, found themselves the center of attraction in any group. Even your humble columnist was showered with attentions from these office-workers, eager for even the merest mention.

Cost-cutting pulled developed, into a regular indoor sport as candidates caught this or that unsuspecting victim to drag him or her into a corner and pour the old "old story" in what they hope will be an attentive ear.

Campaign cards bearing the familiar "Union Label" were everywhere in evidence. Candidates passed them to each other as well as to waitresses, bellhops and elevator boys.

The meeting was pronounced one of the best ever held with between four and five hundred in attendance. An impressive Memorial Service, in tribute to those Democratic leaders who have passed on, was held Thursday evening.

At the Friday session, the plan to pledge delegates was voted down and it was decided that Florida democrats would elect national representatives to the National Convention, who will not be bound by any unit rule requiring them to vote solely for any candidate. A unit rule resolution was voted down 72 to 37.

The "Sunshine City" did a bang-up job in arranging and conducting the meeting, and much credit is due to Chairman T. T. Turnbull and Paul Shanley for their work to make the event the success that it was.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1940.

Florida wants its citizens to be familiar with the activities of its state institutions and at the Florida State Fair, January 31 to February 10, in Tampa, every hospital, farm colony and school will be represented by mammoth displays of articles produced by patients and inmates. The beautiful Temple of Progress, erected by the U. S. Government for the De-

Sole Exposition last year, will be used for the big State show.

Interest in Florida is not confined to tourists, chamber of commerce officials reporting many inquiries from investors seeking opportunities for the opening of various small business establishments such as retail stores, movie theatres, apartments, restaurants and similar enterprises. Most Florida communities have taken up the boom slack and many today could support new mercantile establishments, theatres, cafes or other businesses.

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